

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

DOLORES ENID GONZALEZ,

21-cv-2685 (JGK)

Plaintiff,

ORDER

- against -

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

JOHN G. KOELTL, District Judge:

By Order dated January 17, 2022, the Court referred this case to Magistrate Judge James L. Cott for a Report and Recommendation.

To conserve resources, to promote judicial efficiency, and in an effort to achieve a faster disposition of this matter, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the parties must discuss whether they are willing to consent, under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c), to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge.


If both parties consent to proceed before the Magistrate Judge, counsel for the defendant must, by no later than **February 16, 2022**, file a letter with the Court, with an attached fully executed Notice, Consent, and Reference of a Civil Action to a Magistrate Judge form, the blank form for which is attached to this Order (and also available at: <https://www.nysd.uscourts.gov/forms/consent-proceed-us-magistrate-judge>). If the Court approves that form, all further

proceedings will then be conducted before the assigned Magistrate Judge rather than before me. Any appeal would be taken directly to the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit.

If either party does not consent to conducting all further proceedings before the assigned Magistrate Judge, defendant's counsel shall file a letter by no later than **February 16, 2022** advising the Court that the parties do not consent, but without disclosing the identity of the party or parties who do not consent. The parties are free to withhold consent without negative consequences.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: New York, New York
January 17, 2022



John G. Koeltl
United States District Judge